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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 3726
PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 03042.0063-01000**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Ian GASKIN) Group Art Unit: 3726
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Application No.: 10/757,723) Examiner: Essama Omgba
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Filed: January 15, 2004) Confirmation No.: 4583
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For: Feed Head) Mail Stop AF
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AFTER FINAL REPLY

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed February 24, 2005, Applicant offers the following remarks.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-6 under 35 U.S.C. §251 based upon a defective reissue oath/declaration. See Final Office Action, ¶ 2. The Examiner alleged that the reissue oath/declaration was defective because it did not include the claim for foreign priority and Applicant's claim for foreign priority, provided on a separate form, did not satisfy the requirement of MPEP § 1417. *Id* at ¶ 1. Applicant traverses this rejection because there is no requirement that the foreign priority must be claimed in the reissue oath/declaration. Rather, as stated in MPEP § 1417, the reissue oath/declaration only needs to identify the foreign application on which priority is claimed. Applicant's reissue

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Approved
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